AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY
2005 – 2009

Baltimore County, Maryland

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This report summarizes demographic data from the 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS) for Baltimore County. This *5-year average* provides more reliable data on an area's demographic characteristics and trends due to a larger rollover sample size. ACS is an annual demographic survey developed by the U.S. Census Bureau to provide general, social, economic, and housing characteristics at various geographic levels throughout the nation. ACS is to replace the long form, a one-time survey taken every 10 years.

Data users must exercise caution while comparing ACS data with those in a decennial census, due to sampling methods or other reasons. Also, in 2006, it was the first time when ACS included group quarters population who resides in correctional facilities, nursing homes, mental hospitals, college dormitories, military barracks, group homes, or shelters.

PULATION BY SEX AND AGE

Total population	786,697
Male	373,709
Female	412,988
Under 5 years	47,838
5-17 years	127,547
18-24 years	75,298
25-44 years	215,522
45-64 years	207,957
65 years or over	112,535
% of total population	14.3%
Median age (years)	38.4

RACE AND ETHNICITY

One race:	774,382
White	537,668
Black or African American	192,583
American Indian/Alaska Native	2,099
Asian	32,303
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	650
Some other race	9,079
Two or more races:	12,315
Hispanic or Latino:	23,676
Not Hispanic or Latino:	763,021
White alone	524,809

HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE

Total households	310,459
Family households:	199,969
Married couple families	145,580
With own children < 18 years	59,960
Other families	54,389
With own children < 18 years	30,370
Non-family households:	110,490
Householder living alone	90,499
65 years or over	34,283

HOUSING TENURE

Total housing units	327,067
Occupied units:	310,459
Owner-occupied	210,355
Homeownership rate	67.8%
Vacancy rate	1.1%
Renter-occupied	100,104
Vacancy rate	5.8%
Total vacant units:	16,608
Vacancy rate	5.08%

HOUSEHOLD SIZE BY TENURE

Owner-occupied units	2.6
Renter-occupied units	2.2

HOUSING TYPES

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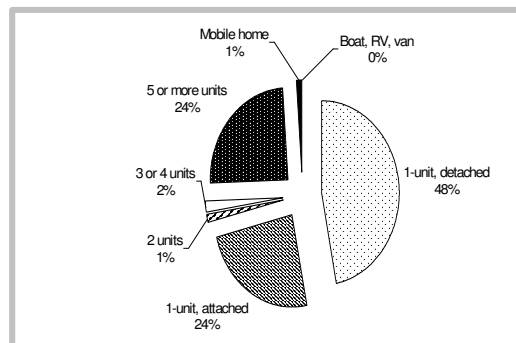
HOUSING PRICES

Median home value ($)	259,400
Median gross rent ($)	992

Percent households spending 30% or more on housing expenses:

Owner-occupied	28.5%
Renter-occupied	48.1%

YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT

Built since 2000	25,164
Built 1990 to 1999	44,618
Built 1980 to 1989	47,034
Built 1970 to 1979	46,797
Built 1960 to 1969	42,270
Built 1950 to 1959	65,907
Built 1949 or earlier	55,277

OCCUPANTS PER ROOM

1.00 or less	306,271
1.01 to 1.50	3,168
1.51 or more	1,020

Occupants per room between 1.01 and 1.5: generally overcrowded housing conditions; Occupants per room greater than 1.5: severely overcrowded housing conditions (The Practice of Local Government Planning, 3rd Edition, ICMA, 2000).

VEHICLES AVAILABLE (HOUSEHOLDS)

No vehicles available	23,557
% of total occupied units	7.6%
1 vehicle available	109,961
2 vehicles available	119,966
3 or more vehicles available	56,975

HEATING FUEL (HOUSEHOLDS)

Utility gas	168,691
Electricity	96,838
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	35,410
Other fuels	8,997
No fuel used	523

PLACE OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP

Native U.S. Citizens:	712,191
Born in Maryland	514,853
Born in other states in U.S.	189,985
Born in other U.S. Territory	7,353
Foreign born:	74,506
Naturalized U.S. citizen	36,410
Not a U.S. citizen	38,096

ORIGINS OF THE FOREIGN-BORN

Foreign-born population:	74,506
Asia	27,503
Latin America	18,667
Europe	15,735
Africa	11,338
Northern America	993
Oceania	270

ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH

Population 5 years or over:	738,859
Speak only English:	654,723
Speak non-English Languages:	84,136
Speak English very well	19,340
Speak English not very well	64,796
% of non-English speakers	77.0%

MAJOR ANCESTRAY

Total population:	786,547
German	170,400
Irish	119,902
English	73,180
Italian	60,266

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over:	536,014
Less than 9th grade	20,035
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	42,424
High school graduate/equivalent	149,969
Some colleges (no degrees)	139,590
Bachelor's or higher	183,996
% High school or higher	88.3%
% Bachelor's or higher	34.3%

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Population 16 years or over:	634,100
In labor force:	431,040
Armed forces	973
Civilian	430,067
Employed	406,533
Unemployed	23,534
Unemployment rate	5.5%
Not in labor force:	203,060
Labor force status by family type:	
Own children under 6 years:	55,000
All parents in labor force	39,094
% of own children under 6:	71.7%
Own children 6 to 17 years	110,655
All parents in labor force	85,110
% of own children 6-17:	76.9%

OCCUPANTION (CIVILIAN)

Civilian employed population 16 years or over:	406,533
% Occupation of the civilian employed:	
Management, professional	41.2%
Services	14.8%
Sales and office	27.3%
Farming, fishing, and forestry	0.1%
Construction, extraction	7.9%
Production, transportation	8.8%

CLASS OF WORKER (CIVILIAN)

Civilian employed population 16 years or over:	406,533
Private wage and salary workers	316,068
Government workers	71,072
Self-employed workers	18,785
Unpaid family workers	608

INCOME AND POVERTY

Median household income:	$63,348
Median family income:	$77,581
Median non-family income:	$40,795
Per capita income	$33,158
Percent families in poverty:	5.0%
With children under 18 years	7.6%
With children under 5 years only	8.3%
Married couple families	2.3%
With children under 18 years	2.7%
With children under 5 years	2.4%
Families with female householder	14.0%
With children under 18 years	18.3%
With children under 5 years	21.6%

COMMUTING TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	396,120
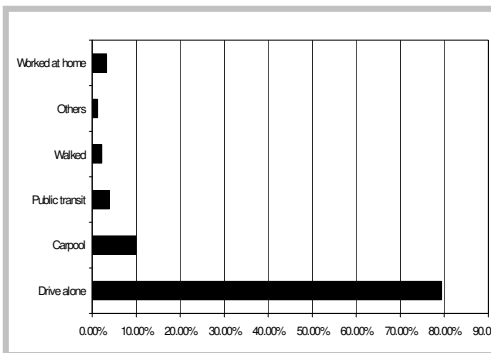
Mean travel time to work (minutes): 27.8

DISABILITY STATUS

Civilian non-institutionalized population	
5 years or over:	(X)
With a disability	(X)
% of total 5 years and over	(X)
5 to 15 years:	(X)
With a disability	(X)
16 to 64 years:	(X)
With a disability	(X)
65 years or over:	(X)
With a disability	(X)

(X): Neither applicable nor available.

Prudence about Using ACS Data

Using ACS data requires principal knowledge in planning and statistics. Each year, the Census Bureau selects geographic areas that meet ACS' population requirements. Under each category, data for some geographic area(s) cannot be displayed, due to the number of sample cases. Moreover, ACS provides data on the distribution of social and economic characteristics of people and housing, as well as measurements of *magnitude* and *direction* of changes among areas. For this reason, some statistical concepts such as the *margin of error* must be known while using ACS data. Visit the Office's Planning Statistics website for guidelines of using ACS data. In addition, the Census Bureau's annual population estimates are derived from a methodology different from what local jurisdictions may develop for their own figures. ∎